## MOHAWK VALLEY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

**UTICA AND ROME, NEW YORK**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**SO206 - The Social Significance of Gender C-3, P-0, Cr-3**

**Course Description:**

This course assumes that human life is gendered and that gendered social expectations limit and enrich individuals and groups. Theories of sex and gender development, the history of social movements related to gender equity, and the impact of intersecting systems of stratification are emphasized. The influence of social forces including biology, religion, family, sexuality, education, the polity, economics, media, law, medicine, social sciences, social policy, and systems of stratification are examined.

**Prerequisite: SO101 Introduction to Sociology or instructor permission.**

**Student Learning Outcomes:**

The student will be able to:

1. Define sex, gender, feminism, men’s movement, women’s movement, patriarchy, and sexism.

2. Discuss the impact of popular culture in defining and maintaining traditional gender expectations

despite the actual diversity of our daily lives.

3. Predict the interaction between gender and other factors involved in social stratification, such as

ancestry, social class, and age.

4. Examine and evaluate the ways in which life in US society is gendered in both the public and private spheres, including the economy, the polity, the arts, family, sexuality, friendships, religion, justice, education, the media, healthcare, and the military.

5. Evaluate the significance of gender scholarship, including the various theoretical perspectives in gender studies in sociology.

1. Discuss issues related to sex and gender in a collegial fashion.
2. Articulate the scientific method, the process of observation, hypothesis development, measurement, data collection and analysis as it applies to sociological studies of gender.

**Major Topics:**

I. Explanations of Gender: Biology/Culture/Psychology/Society

II. Gendered Family

III. Gendered Classrooms

IV. Gendered Workplace

V. Gendered Intimacy

VI. Gendered Body

VII. Gender of Violence